It is Claimed:

- 1. A screening method, useful to identify compounds affecting motor function in ALS or MND patients, comprising:
- administering an anandamide/cannabinoid receptor/acceptor agonist to a mammal having at least one detectable motor function related to an ALS or MND symptom;

detecting any motor function change; and,

evaluating any such motor function change with respect to a determinable motor function.

- 2. A method of screening for compounds useful for promoting normal motor function in ALS patients comprising: (a) administering a compound that is a anandamide/cannabinoid receptor/acceptor agonist to a mammal having observable motor function, and (b) evaluating one or more indicia of motor function in said mammal, wherein a compound that promotes normal motor function is identified.
- 3. A therapeutic method useful for a patient determined to be suffering from one or more abnormal motor symptoms of Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis or Motor Neurone Disease, comprising;

administering a predetermined amount of an anandamide/cannabinoid receptor/acceptor agonist, the amount administered being effective to promote normal motor function to the patient.

4. The therapeutic method as in claim 3 wherein the administering is oral, intravenous, inhaled, sub-lingual, or via a patch or a spray,

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